

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, hardworking Americans across this country are trimming their budgets and finding ways to save and make sacrifices. In these tough economic times the Federal Government should be held to that same standard.

During a time of economic instability, we cannot start raising taxes to pay for more government spending. Unfortunately, that's exactly what the President has proposed in his budget that he has submitted to Congress. The administration proposes to raise taxes \$1.4 trillion over the next 10 years, which includes taxes on small businesses, the backbone of our economy.

Let's be clear about what \$1 trillion is. If you started counting to \$1 trillion, 1, 2, 3, it would only take you 31,708 years to count to 1 trillion. Yet we are talking about \$1.3 trillion in new taxes.

The American taxpayers deserve a better plan for individuals and small businesses. We must empower American individuals and families. The road to economic recovery is paved with healthy small business communities creating jobs and opportunity.

Congress and the administration should focus on solutions that empower individuals and businesses to succeed in the economy, rather than solutions that spend too much, borrow too much and tax too much.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS RECIPE FOR HIGH INFLATION

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, the President's budget is a recipe for high inflation, higher interest rates and a permanent downsizing of the U.S. economy.

For the President to say that this budget has fiscal year discipline defies all common sense. The President says he will cut the deficit in half over the next 5 years. However, that is only after he hikes it to over \$1 trillion in the first year. His promise of never having a balanced budget has even caused our largest public debt holder, the People's Republic of China, to take notice and express concern over the lack of fiscal responsibilities in this budget.

When the economy begins to recover, public borrowing under the President's budget will compete with the demand for private borrowing, leading to a dramatic rise in interest rates and inflation, weakening the value of the dollar and lessening the value of U.S. Treasury notes.

Mr. Speaker, this budget taxes too much, spends too much and borrows too much and must be defeated.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING NORDIC SKI CLUB

(Mrs. LUMMIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an achievement of the University of Wyoming Nordic Ski Club.

Two weeks ago, this team swept the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association Nationals, with the men's and women's team both bringing home the gold.

I would like to congratulate coaches Christi Boggs and Rachel Watson, who led this team to double championship titles at Devil's Thumb Ranch in Colorado. This is the fourth national title for the University of Wyoming's women's program and the second for the men's program in 10 years.

Particular recognition should also go to Daniel Lewis, who came away with three individual championships, as well as his fellow teammates on the men's championship relay team, Eliah Pederesen and Evgeniy Panzhinskiy. In addition to these three accomplished young men, John Kirlin was named an Overall Individual All-American.

On the women's team, this title was awarded to Gracey Lewis, Kari Boroff, Gwynn Barrows and Marie Cartwright.

Again, I congratulate the University of Wyoming ski teams, my alma mater ski teams, on all their success. The Cowboy State is proud of these young men and women.

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CAP-AND-TAX PROVISION HURTS AN AILING ECONOMY

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. The President today said that he was frustrated at the Republicans' "just say no" attitude. Well, this is what I am going to say "no" to. I am saying "no" to a 686 billion carbon tax increase. What does that mean?

This is Peabody Mine No. 10 in 1990. After the last Clean Air amendments, this mine was shut down. We lost over 1,200 mineworkers' jobs because of that.

The carbon tax, the cap-and-tax provision in the budget bill, will raise costs to every energy user in this country, hurting manufacturing, hurting retail industries. It's egregious, it's not necessary, and it only hurts an ailing economy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 240) to support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 240

Whereas social workers have the demonstrated education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices;

Whereas social workers help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and in all situations from adoption to hospice care;

Whereas social workers are in schools, courtrooms, drug clinics, hospitals, senior centers, shelters, nursing homes, the military, disaster relief, prisons, and corporations;

Whereas social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live and connecting individuals, families, and communities to available resources;

Whereas social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

Whereas social workers, such as Harry Hopkins, Frances Perkins, Whitney M. Young, Jr., and Dr. Dorothy I. Height have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad;

Whereas, according to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for social workers is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations;

Whereas Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, which is March 17, 2009, will build awareness of the role of professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere through service delivery, research, education, and legislative advocacy; and

Whereas the 2009 Social Work Month theme—Social Work: Purpose and Possibility—highlights the special characteristics of those who choose social work as a profession, and underscores the goals of their work: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day;

(2) acknowledges the diligent efforts of individuals and groups who promote the importance of social work and who are observing Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day;

(3) encourages the American people to engage in appropriate ceremonies and activities to further promote awareness of the life-changing role of social workers;

(4) recognizes with gratitude the contributions of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen to serve their communities through social work; and

(5) encourages young people to seek out educational and professional opportunities to become social workers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from